

Senate Resolution 351

By: Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 35th and Jones II of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta, congratulating them on
2 the grand occasion of their 25th anniversary, and recognizing June 25, 2015, as Still Waters
3 Youth Sinfo-Nia Orchestra Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta was founded on June 25,
5 1990, at McNair Junior High School in Decatur, Georgia, by William Grant Still; and

6 WHEREAS, this orchestra was originally named the William Grant Still Memorial Youth
7 Orchestra of Metropolitan Atlanta but was renamed to Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of
8 Metropolitan Atlanta as a tribute to rare works by African American composers; and

9 WHEREAS, David E. Robinson, III, a 32-year strings instructor in the DeKalb County
10 School System, is director of Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta and was
11 a co-founder of the DeKalb Youth Pops Orchestra; and

12 WHEREAS, Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta boasts a dance company,
13 under the direction of Alycia Robinson, that combines ballet, modern, jazz, pointe, African,
14 and hip-hop styles; and

15 WHEREAS, the orchestra's fundamental purpose is to provide young artists an opportunity
16 to perform a variety of multicultural productions, become proficient musicians, travel, meet
17 other young artists, and prepare to earn college scholarships; and

18 WHEREAS, more than 1,000 musicians have participated in the orchestra's summer academy
19 or after school program, and approximately 86 percent of orchestra members are honor
20 students from public, private, charter, and home schools who continue to earn college,
21 graduate, and doctoral degrees; and

22 WHEREAS, members range in age from seven years to college-aged, and these talented
23 musicians and dancers have performed in over 400 national and international performances;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta has served young artists
26 with excellence for 25 years, making it fitting and proper for it to be honored and
27 congratulated.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Still Waters Youth Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta, congratulate them upon the
30 occasion of their 25th anniversary, and recognize June 25, 2015, as Still Waters Youth
31 Sinfo-Nia Orchestra Day at the state capitol.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Still Waters Youth
34 Sinfo-Nia of Metropolitan Atlanta.